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Office of Hazardous Materials Standards (DHM-10)  
Research and Special Programs Administration  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
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Subject: **Petition for Rulemaking - P-1168**  
**Chlorine Cylinder Recovery Vessel**  
**Request for Status**

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In a letter dated February 3, 1993 we requested a change to the Hazardous Materials Regulations to allow the Chlorine Institute recovery vessel to be used to transport leaking chlorine cylinders without an exemption. Presently, the recovery vessel can only be used with exemption DOT-E 9781, initially issued November 9, 1987. A letter from your office dated April 9, 1993 indicated our rulemaking request had been assigned P-1168.

The third revision of DOT-E 9781 expires on February 28, 1998. I feel it would be appropriate that actions be taken to include the information in the exemption into the regulations eliminating the need to issue additional exemptions. The Chlorine Institute recovery vessel is widely used throughout the country and has been proven a reliable and valuable emergency response tool.

Please inform us of the status of P-1168 and of your intentions to permit the use of the Chlorine Institute recovery vessel without an exemption. Let me know if additional information is needed. If you have any questions or comments please contact me at 202 872-4723 or 202 223-7225 (fax). Thank you.

Sincerely

John P. Aherne

Director, Storage and Transport

Attachments:

CI letter dated February 3, 1993  
CI letter dated March 26, 1993  
CI letter dated March 17, 1994  
CI letter dated April 13, 1994  
CI letter dated April 10, 1996  
RSPA letter dated April 9, 1993  
Copy DOT-E 9781  
Chlorine Institute Recovery Vessel Instruction Booklet  
CI drawing 188 - Chlorine Cylinder Recovery Vessel